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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This is in reference to a request for consideration of pending formal matter file on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003. The request has been considered and an action is set forth below

#### ***Drawings***

1. The proposed drawing correction and/or the proposed substitute sheets of drawings, filed on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2003 have been approved. A proper drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The correction to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

#### ***Priority***

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

#### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Firmin Backer whose telephone number is (703) 305-0624. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8:30-6:00.

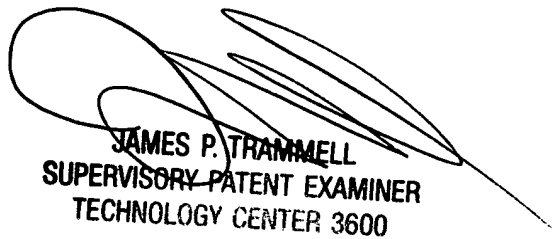
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